

10th July 2023

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Acle Academy Sponsored Walk Wednesday 19th July 2023

Acle Academy will be holding our annual sponsored walk on Wednesday 19th July 2023. This yearly event is a lovely way for students to spend a day exploring our lovely local surroundings and Broads. Students will walk together with their form group and form tutors. This is a chance for our students to participate in raising sponsorship money and funding for the school. Previously the School Walk raised over £3200 towards a new school minibus, our student gym and resourced the wellbeing room, 'The Nest'. This year, students have voted in our Parliament to use the sponsorship donations to further our provision of extracurricular activities and wider curriculum opportunities.

The 2023 sponsored walk will follow the same route as previous years and covers a distance of approximately 10km. We will start by taking the Fishley footpath to Upton Dyke and onto Upton Marshes. From this point we will be walking a route that takes in the broads and marshes scenery but keeps us clear of sensitive areas in the middle of the wildlife reserve. There is one short, but very beautiful, section alongside the River Bure. The entire route, and especially the road crossings and river bank section, will be heavily monitored by our marshals to ensure safety and staff will be walking with pupils at all times.

Our fingers are firmly crossed for fine weather so hats, plenty of water and sunscreen will be the order of the day! Pupils will also need to have sensible, casual, walking clothes and ensure they wear **suitable walking shoes and socks**. They should bring something waterproof in case of rain and, just in case we get very wet, it would be a good idea to send your child with a change of clothes on the day (this can be left back at school during the walk). Every walker should also bring with them a plastic carrier bag to put their boots into as they enter the school buildings on our return. The route should be completed in approximately three to four hours.

The canteen will be closed on the day so all pupils will **be required to bring in a packed lunch**. Pupils who are entitled to a free school meal will be provided with a packed lunch in the morning before departing. If you are usually in receipt of a free school meal and do not wish to have a packed lunch provided please inform your form tutor.

The whole school, Y7 - Y10, will be undertaking the walk and we do expect that all pupils in these years will take part and hope that as many pupils as possible will help us as we raise money towards this year's focus. There may be a very small number of exceptions where students are medically unable to take part; they need to be in school and alternative activities will be arranged for them. If you believe that your child is unable to participate for medical reasons, can you please contact Ms Frary directly to confirm this **by Friday 14th July** - lfrary@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

You will find a sponsor form with this letter – please do encourage your child to collect sponsors amongst friends and family to support our fundraising efforts. Money raised from the school walk should be paid in via Scopay, under 'Sponsored Walk July 2023'. If you are unable to access Scopay please return donations in an envelope, marked 'Sponsored Walk Donations 2023' along with your sponsorship form to the school office. Please ensure all donations are received by **Friday 15th September 2023**. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely



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Please pay sponsorship money via Scopay, if this is not possible return in an envelope, along with your sponsorship form to the school office no later than Friday 15th September 2023. Your support is much appreciated!

Name	Address	Amount donated	Collected

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